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Via Hand Delivery
Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: Mobile Satellite Ventures Subsidiary LLC
Ex Parte Presentation
IB Docket No. 01-185
File No. SAT-MOD-20031118-00333 (ATC application)
File No. SAT-AMD-20031118-00332 (ATC application)
File No. SES-MOD-20031118-01879 (ATC application)

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

SS/L hereby urges the Commission to afford L-band Mobile Satellite Service ("MSS") operators greater flexibility in their provision of an Ancillary Terrestrial Component ("ATC"), as requested by Mobile Satellite Ventures LP ("MSV") in the above-captioned proceedings. The increased flexibility requested by MSV will ensure that next-generation MSS systems in the L-band can finally achieve the ubiquitous coverage, capacity, and economies of scale needed for a true consumer service.

To date, MSS has been characterized by suitcase-sized user terminals, limited coverage, low data rates, and equipment and service prices far exceeding that offered by terrestrial wireless operators. Because the market for this type of service is small, the economies of scale needed to drive down equipment and service prices have not developed. With ATC, however, MSS has the potential to evolve into a true consumer service. ATC will provide the coverage, capacity, and economies of scale needed to bring MSS equipment and service prices to affordable levels. Moreover, by overcoming satellite signal blockage in urban areas, ATC will allow MSS to become a truly ubiquitous service, allowing service providers to market their products to customers not only in rural and remote areas but to customers in the most densely populated urban cores as well.

Loral supports the use of ATC for the next generation MSS operators. In addition, Loral also wants to preserve U.S. domestic manufacturing of commercial payload and antenna technology, maintaining a viable industry base in the U.S.

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The Commission is at a crossroads in the development of MSS technology. SS/L urges the Commission to follow the path of innovation and better consumer service by adopting MSV's proposals for increased flexibility for ATC in the L-band.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. P. Dewitt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

C. Patrick Dewitt
President and Chief Operating Officer